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For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AND
METHODS FOR USE WITH A
HITCH MECHANISM

Group Art Unit: 3611

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and fulfills the requirements for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 5, 2006, the period for reply to which has been extended through January 5, 2007, by a Petition for Extension of Time of three-months filed concurrently herewith and with the requisite fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.